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### **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

March 17, 2009

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES AND VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to ratify changes in work and accept completed public works construction contracts in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles and various locations throughout the County.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. OSD0000012 - Traffic Signal Inductive Loop Detectors, 2005-2008, to install and replace traffic signal inductive loop detectors, in various locations throughout the County, Smithson Electric, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$431,986.50, and a final contract amount of \$409,513.50.

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• Project ID No. RDC0014153 - Olympic Boulevard, to reconstruct and resurface roadway; construct sidewalk, curb and gutter, curb ramps, and bus pads; and install striping and pavement markings, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles, Bannaoun Engineers Constructors, with changes amounting to a credit of \$11,683.85, and a final contract amount of \$1,520,544.35.

# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's ratification of Director of Public Works-approved changes in a public works contract and your Board's acceptance of the work of the contract in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the attachments are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contract to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Attached for your ratification are changes in work, which I ordered for Project ID Nos. OSD0000012 and RDC0014153.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the date indicated in the attachments.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Acceptance of these contracts completes the work to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The modifications to the contract amounts are credits of \$11,683.85 and \$431,986.50, while the total values of the contracts are \$409,513.50 and \$1,520,544.35.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

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Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the attachments.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the attachments are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of these changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the attachments.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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#### CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL FARBER

Director of Public Works

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan) County Counsel

Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

# ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT March 17, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. OSD0000012 - TRAFFIC SIGNAL INDUCTIVE LOOP DETECTORS, 2005-2008 (in various locations throughout the County), All Supervisorial Districts

Contractor: Smithson Electric, Inc., 1938 East Katella Avenue, Orange, California 92867

#### Project Description:

Installation and replacement of traffic signal inductive loop detectors throughout the County on an as-needed basis for a 3-year period.

#### **Project Completion Date:**

The contractor completed the project on June 30, 2008, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The changes resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount of \$431,986.50.

### Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$841,500.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	( <u>431,986.50</u> )
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$ <u>409,513.50</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	-51.3%

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# ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT March 17, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014153 - OLYMPIC BOULEVARD (in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

<u>Contractor</u>: Bannaoun Engineers Constructors, 9614 Cozycroft Avenue, Chatsworth, California 91311

#### Project Description:

Reconstruction and resurfacing of existing roadway pavement; construction of sidewalk, curb and gutter, curb ramps, and bus pads; installation of striping and pavement markings; and other appurtenant work.

## **Project Completion Date:**

The contractor completed the project on January 15, 2009, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The changes resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount of \$11,683.85.

During construction, the contractor requested 24 hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount of \$1,260.00.

## Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,533,488.20
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works Deduction for overtime inspection	(11,683.85) (1,260.00)
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$ <u>1,520,544.35</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	-0.8%

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